

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for automated on-demand product manufacturing and fulfillment,
2 comprising:
3 receiving an order for a product without human intervention;
4 requesting payment for the order without human intervention;
5 manufacturing the product without human intervention;
6 placing the product into a shipping container without human intervention; and
7 adding a delivery address to the shipping container without human intervention.

- 1 2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the order is received via the Internet.

- 1 3. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising adding indicia to the product
2 without human intervention.

- 1 4. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising packaging the product in a
2 presentation package without human intervention.

- 1 5. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising adding at least one of
2 postage and delivery payment information to the shipping container.

- 1 6. A system for automated on-demand product manufacturing and fulfillment,
2 comprising:
3 a server for receiving an order for a product and requesting payment for the order
4 without human intervention;
5 a manufacturing subsystem for manufacturing the media without human
6 intervention; and
7 a shipping preparation subsystem for placing the product into a shipping container
8 and adding a delivery address to the shipping container without human
9 intervention.
- 1 7. A method for automated on-demand manufacturing and fulfillment of media,
2 comprising:
3 receiving an order for media containing content without human intervention;
4 requesting payment for the order without human intervention;
5 manufacturing the media without human intervention;
6 placing the media into a shipping container without human intervention; and
7 adding a delivery address to the shipping container without human intervention.
- 1 8. The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the order is received from a
2 geographically distant computing device based on human input to the computing
3 device.

- 1 9. The method as recited in claim 8, wherein the geographically distant computing
2 device is a personal computer located in at least one of a human's home and
3 workplace.
- 1 10. The method as recited in claim 8, wherein the geographically distant computing
2 device is located at a retail location.
- 1 11. The method as recited in claim 8, wherein the geographically distant computing
2 device is located in a kiosk.
- 1 12. The method as recited in claim 8, further comprising hosting a website listing at
2 least some of the content available for ordering.
- 1 13. The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the order is received from a handheld
2 device.
- 1 14. The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the order is received from a local
2 computing device based on human input to the computing device.
- 1 15. The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the order includes an identification of
2 the content, delivery information, and payment information.

- 1 16. The method as recited in claim 7, further comprising obtaining delivery
2 information and payment information from a user account.
- 1 17. The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the media is selected from a group
2 consisting of compact disc (CD), digital video disc (DVD), and videotape.
- 1 18. The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the content on the media is selected
2 from a group consisting of audio, video, text, software, tables, photos, and
3 combinations thereof.
- 1 19. The method as recited in claim 7, further comprising adding indicia to the media
2 without human intervention.
- 1 20. The method as recited in claim 7, further comprising packaging the media in a
2 presentation package without human intervention.
- 1 21. The method as recited in claim 7, further comprising adding at least one of
2 postage and delivery payment information to the shipping container.
- 1 22. The method as recited in claim 21, further comprising calculating a shipping cost
2 for shipping the shipping container with the media therein.

- 1 23. The method as recited in claim 7, further comprising performing the method
2 simultaneously for at least two different pieces of media.
- 1 24. The method as recited in claim 23, wherein the two different pieces of media are
2 associated with the same order and are to be sent in the same shipping container,
3 wherein a size of the shipping container is selected based on a collective size of
4 the media.
- 1 25. The method as recited in claim 7, further comprising calculating a royalty for the
2 content and submitting the royalty to at least one of an author of the content and a
3 representative of the author.
- 1 26. A system for automated on-demand manufacturing and fulfillment of media,
2 comprising:
3 a server for receiving an order for media containing content and requesting
4 payment for the order without human intervention;
5 a manufacturing subsystem for manufacturing the media without human
6 intervention; and
7 a shipping preparation subsystem for placing the media into a shipping container
8 and adding a delivery address to the shipping container without human
9 intervention.

- 1 27. The system as recited in claim 26, wherein the order is received from a
2 geographically distant computing device based on human input to the computing
3 device.
- 1 28. The system as recited in claim 26, wherein the order is received from a handheld
2 device.
- 1 29. The system as recited in claim 26, wherein the order includes an identification of
2 the content, delivery information, and payment information.
- 1 30. The system as recited in claim 26, wherein the media is selected from a group
2 consisting of compact disc (CD), digital video disc (DVD), and videotape.
- 1 31. The system as recited in claim 26, wherein the content on the media is selected
2 from a group consisting of audio, video, text, software, tables, photos, and
3 combinations thereof.
- 1 32. The system as recited in claim 26, further comprising a labeling subsystem for
2 adding indicia to the media without human intervention.
- 1 33. The system as recited in claim 26, further comprising a packaging subsystem for
2 packaging the media in a presentation package without human intervention.

1 34. The system as recited in claim 26, wherein the shipping preparation subsystem
2 adds at least one of postage and delivery payment information to the shipping
3 container.

1 35. The system as recited in claim 26, wherein the system is capable of
2 simultaneously manufacturing multiple pieces of media each having different
3 content.

1 36. The system as recited in claim 26, wherein the server calculates a royalty for the
2 content and submits the royalty to at least one of an author of the content and a
3 representative of the author.